

# Improving Questions on Race and Ethnicity

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# Extensive Research & Development Process

- Research, outreach, and testing by the Census Bureau
- Robust engagement by stakeholders
- Extensive public comment via Federal Register in 2016
- Lack of implementation for 2020 Census, problems persist
- Renewed push to expedite and complete the “unfinished business” of revising standards from broad coalition of civil rights, community, civic, academic, philanthropic, business, and other public and private sector groups (March 2022)

# Key Priorities

- Latino – Combined question on race and ethnicity
  - AA and NHPI – Maintain checkboxes in addition to write-in, given prior USCB research
  - Black – Include checkboxes in addition to write-in
  - MENA – discussant comments by Helen Hatab Samhan
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- Implementation as soon as possible with all U.S. Census Bureau data collections, including American Community Survey